

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1-11 as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) An information disclosure and contracting method for a demander of a power ~~company or~~ enterprise in a distributed power supply business in which the enterprise operates a business by selling electric power to ~~a~~ power load demander via power transmission and distribution lines of existing power companies or dedicated lines dedicated to the business, comprising the steps of:

connecting an information apparatus of said demander via a communication line to an information apparatus of said enterprise in a distributed power supply business;

presenting, from said enterprise to said demander, when a power supply contract is signed between said enterprise and said demander, information of contract ~~(start)~~ starting periods and information of a ~~unit price of charge~~ price per unit of power for each ~~said~~ contract period;

setting, by said demander, a customized load pattern for each desired one of said contract periods according to said information;

accumulating, by said enterprise, a load pattern of each demander having signed a power supply contract,  
calculating a margin of the power based upon a power supply capacity of said enterprise and a total value of the load

pattern, and presenting information of a charge price per unit of power for each period set according to said margin, to said demander; and

resetting, by said demander, the load pattern, having been set by said demander before, based upon the information of the charge price per unit of power set according to said margin and an actual result load pattern of said demander

~~receiving, by said enterprise, a customized pattern (load pattern) set by said demander for each desired one of said periods according to the information and presenting, from said enterprise, information of charge for said load pattern to said demander; and~~

~~determining, by said demander, a power supply contract for said periods.~~

2. (Currently Amended) An information disclosure and contracting method for a demander of a power ~~company or~~ enterprise in a distributed power supply business according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

collating, by said demander, a load pattern in a predetermined period in the past with actual results, ~~transmitting~~receiving a load pattern reset at a present time to said enterprise, and presenting by said enterprise information of a charge price per unit of power for said load

pattern reset, ~~modified and set~~ to said demander.

3. (Currently Amended) An information disclosure and contracting method for a demander of a power ~~company or~~ enterprise in a distributed power supply business according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, by said enterprise, a ~~modified reset load~~ pattern created by altering ~~modifying~~ said load pattern to be set at a present time by said demander, in which time zones or periods in which a large differences exists for a unit-charge price per unit of power, ~~of charge are changed~~ modified; and

presenting, from said enterprise to said demander, information of a charge price per unit of power according to the pattern altered ~~modified~~ as above, and supplying, to said demander, information of a difference of a charge price per unit of power with respect to a charge price per unit of power ~~(assumed)~~ according to a ~~direct~~ contract with an existing power company.

4. (Currently Amended) An information disclosure and contracting method for a demander of a power ~~company or~~ enterprise in a distributed power supply business according to claim 1, wherein said load pattern set at a present time by the demander is sent to said enterprise before a pattern determination period or time limit earlier than said pattern

contract ~~(start)~~ period starts.

5. (Currently Amended) An information disclosure and contracting method for a demander of a power ~~company or~~ enterprise in a distributed power supply business according to claim 1, wherein before said information is presented from said enterprise to said demander, software for a charge price per unit of power calculation ~~software~~ for which a validity expiration limit has been set, is delivered.

6. (Currently Amended) An information disclosure and contracting method for a demander of a power ~~company or~~ enterprise in a distributed power supply business according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of presenting, from said enterprise to said demander, a ~~setting~~ period and a ~~unit charge price of charge~~ per unit of power for a fixed period in the future in which power generating facilities under control of said enterprise have a capacity margin in power generation and supply capacities thereof, and disclosing information indicating "possibility of a spot supply of power".

7. (Currently Amended) An information disclosure and contracting method for a demander of a power ~~company or~~ enterprise in a distributed power supply business according to claim 6, further comprising the steps of, receiving, by

said enterprise, a combination pattern from said demander, said combination pattern being produced by said demander by combining said load pattern set and determined, by said demander, according to the information indicating "a possibility of a spot supply of power," with ~~said spot a~~ pattern of the spot supply of power.

8. (Currently Amended) An information disclosure and contracting method for a demander of a power ~~company or~~ enterprise in a distributed power supply business according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

selecting, by said enterprise, for said demander who does not sign ~~asaid~~ load pattern contract before the contract ~~(start)-~~ starting period, an upper limit of capacity of power distribution facilities of said demander; setting a most economical charge price power unit of power under conditions of an actual result load pattern in an associated period of the last year; presenting the charge price per unit of power to said demander; and obtaining authentication of said demander.

9. (Currently Amended) An information disclosure and contracting method for a demander of a power ~~company or~~ enterprise in a distributed power supply business according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of totaling, by said

enterprise, contents of said load pattern including a spot demand from each demander having signed a power supply contract, to generate accumulated~~accumulation~~ data and displaying a margin of ~~viewed from~~ total power generation~~generating~~ capacity.

10. (Currently Amended) An information disclosure and contracting method for a demander of a power ~~company or~~ enterprise in a distributed power supply business according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of mutually use~~using~~, when said enterprise works with~~carries on~~ or joins ~~hands~~ with another public business and said power demander is also a demander of the public business, the information of charge therebetween and conducting a collective charging price per unit of power operation between said power demander and another public business.

11. (Currently Amended) An information disclosure and contracting method for a demander of a power ~~company or~~ enterprise in a distributed power supply business according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of, when measuring actual results of power utilization of said demander, optically and externally detecting contents of display of a watthourmeter, the contents being ~~beforehand~~ measured beforehand by the watthourmeter; recognizing a pattern of

changes in the displayeded contents, and measuring the power used by said demander.